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1. There is a division of Communist troops in Yangchiang (111-53, 21-52) hsien, of which one regiment guards the Yangchiang-Hoshan (112-04, 21-59) highway; the rest are scattered along the coast. Since 18 March 1950, 30,000 Communist troops with artillery and some Japanese artillerymen have passed south along the highway between Enping (112-19, 22-12) and Yangchiang to Tienpai (111-21, 21-28).* Ammunition is being stockpiled in Yangchiang.
2. The Communists continue to requisition and mobilize fishing junks from islands between Santsao (113-, 22-) and Malaochiao (sic) (113-31, 22-09) and openly state that they plan to use them against the Ladrone Islands. There are 300 Communist troops in Chiao (113-39, 22-24). Most of the Communist artillery in the 4 and 6 Areas (sic) of Chungshan hsien has been withdrawn.**
3. Anti-Communist guerrillas have attacked and defeated Communist troops in 4 villages in Enping hsien and harassed Communist troops in one village in Kaiping (112-31, 22-31) hsien. One hundred Communist troops in Enping hsien defected to the guerrillas, who also gained 6 light machine guns and 170 rifles.
4. Two hundred Communist troops on Hailing Island (111-, 21-) are preparing to evacuate the island because of pressure by guerrillas. Fishermen in the Macao area are killing guards on junks in order to steal the junks.***

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* Comment. [redacted] reported that LIN Piao's forces were moving to the Leichou Peninsula to replace CHEN Keng's forces, which were moving to the Canton area and points farther north. CHEN's troops, now moving south along the Enping-Tienpai highway, state that they are going to the Kwangsi-Indochina border. This is the most direct route from Canton. Reversal of direction may represent an important change in military plans.

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Comment. These troops may also be preparing for the invasion of Hainan.

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** Comment. See [redacted] concerning Communist plans to invade Wanshan (113-, 21-) Island.

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*** Comment. See [redacted] concerning earlier junk seizures.

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